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SUBJ: ZANU (SITHOLE) REPRESENTATIVE ASKS EMBASSY FOR FINANCIAL
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

REF: LUSAKA 0869

1. WILFRED PASIPANODYA, NEWLY DESIGNATED ZANU (SITHOLE)
REPRESENTATIVE IN ZAMBIA, CALLED AT THE EMBASSY MAY 6 TO
INTRODUCE HIMSELF. HE SAID ZANU IS WILLING TO ATTEND A
CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE, AND COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON THE
PROSPECT OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN SUCH A CONFERENCE, SINCE
BRITAIN ALONE COULD NOT BRING A SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA.

2. PASIPANODYA REQUESTED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR 24 ZANU
DETAINEES IN LUSAKA REMAND PRISON. ACCORDING TO PASIPANODYA,
THERE ARE OVER 60 ZAN UDETAINEES IN THE REMAND PRISON AND
HE PRESENTLY NEEDED A SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY TO ASSIST 24
ZANU DETAINEES RECENTLY ARRIVED FROM BOTSWANA. HE ACCEPTED
WITH RELATIVELY GOOD GRACE EMBOFF'S REPLY THAT THE EMBASSY
WAS UNABLE TO ASSIST.

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3. PASIPANOYDA OUTLINED HIS DIFFICULTY IN OPERATING IN
ZAMBIA WHERE HE SAID THE ELITE WUS WEDDED TO THE PATRIOTIC
FRONT, BUT THE LOWER LEVEL OF OFFICIALDOM AND THE PEOPLE WERE
SYMPATHETIC TO ZANU (SITHOLE). HE HAS APPROACHED THE GRZ
FOR OFFICE SPACE IN THE LUSAKA LIBERATION CENTER AND WAS
ENCOURAGED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD REPLIED THAT THE REQUEST

WAS BEING CONSIDERED. HOWEVER, APPROVAL HAS NOT YET BEEN FORTHCOMING. PASIPANODYA SAID THAT HE HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE FOR A FRIENDLY AFRICAN STATE TO ACCEPT THE 24 REMAND PRISON DETAINEES AND HAD TALKED WITH THE NIGERIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER AMONG OTHERS. HE IS OPTIMISTIC THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THE DETAINEES BY ANOTHER COUNTRY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY. THE EXPENSE OF THE TRANSPORTATION OF THE ZANU SUPPORTERS FROM BOTSWANA TO ZAMBIA HAD BEEN BORNE BY AN AFRICAN STATE WHICH HE DID NOT NAME.

COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST VOLUNTARY CONTACT THE EMBASSY HAS HAD WITH ZANU (SITHOLE) SINCE SITHOLE ANNOUNCED THE REORGANIZATION OF HIS WING OF ZANU (REFTEL). WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT SITHOLE'S DESIRE TO RETURN TO RHODESIA, (REFTEL), PASIPANODYW INDICATED THAT SITHOLE IS UNLIKELY TO RISK RETURNING UNTIL THE LIKELIHOOD OF HIS ARREST HAD DIMINISHED APPRECIABLY.
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